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*Repairs to culverts under repair on Kasargod-Jalasoor road*

*196 Q.—Sri M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the number of culverts under repair between the fourth and the sixth-mile stones on the Kasargod-Jalasoor road in Kasargod taluk, South Kanara district;

(b) when the works were commenced; and

(c) the reasons for the delay in completing them?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (a) to (c) Four culverts on this road were under repair. The works were commenced in March and completed in July 1956. The delay in completing them was due to the shortage of cement and the early setting in of the monsoon.

SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Is it a fact, Sir, that the delay was due to the delay in sanctioning the work?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : The cause of delay has been specifically stated. There is no use in assuming any other cause.

*Opening of Primary Health Centres in Gingee taluk*

*197 Q.—Sri V. R. NAGARAJAN (on behalf of Sri K. Aranganathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether Primary Health Centres have been opened in Gingee taluk; and

(b) steps taken to open a Primary Health Centre at Valathy?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Orders have been issued for the establishment of a centre at Valathy.

*Admission of Vanniyakula Kshatriyas into Medical Colleges*

*198 Q.—Sri V. R. NAGARAJAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Vanniyakula Kshatriya boys and girls that applied for admission into the Medical Colleges at Madras in July 1956;

(b) the number selected; and

(c) the number selected from the South Arcot district?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : The information required is not easily available. The Government consider that the time and labour involved in collecting the particulars will not be commensurate with the purpose that will be served by the statistics asked for.

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SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : May I know, Sir, whether the Government are at least aware of the fact that the majority community, namely, the Vanniyakula Kshatriyas, are not represented in any of the Medical Colleges in Madras?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : Sir, the backward classes have secured 143 seats out of 300 seats allotted for the three colleges. This is much more than the number for which reservation is made, that is, 25 per cent. The backward classes, as a whole, are taken into consideration and not any particular community.

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : Sir, is the Hon. Minister aware that among the backward classes, the Vanniyakula Kshatriya community happens to be the majority community and that from this community not even one person has been selected as a candidate for admission into the Madras Medical Colleges?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : I have no information about this particular matter.

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN : Sir, do this Government know that Vanniyakula Kshatriya community candidates (men and women), even though they had secured more than 50 per cent marks in Part III in their Intermediate examination, have not been selected? Do the Government further know that the Selection Committee has simply ignored the interests of this community even though it happens to be the largest community among backward class communities and that at its expense, other backward communities have secured very large number of seats though they do not deserve them?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : If the hon. Member has information at his disposal, he may please pass it on to me. I shall have enquiries made.

SRI A. M. RATHNASWAMY : Sir, in regard to the representation of the backward classes in the medical colleges, may I know what procedure is being followed by the Government, whether they take into consideration the representation to be given to every sub-section of the backward classes or all the backward classes put together?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : It is for all the backward classes and not for any particular section of them.

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Sir, in the matter of selection of candidates for admission to the Madras Medical Colleges, candidates from rural parts are not given their proper quota. Only candidates from urban areas, that is, from district headquarters and city headquarters, are given selection. More especially the sons and daughters of those persons who are in the medical profession are given preference over other candidates. Candidates from rural parts who have obtained very high marks and are eligible for selection have not been selected, because they

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had no sufficient backing. Will the Government come forward to give special and preferential treatment to the candidates from rural areas?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : Every district is given its quota on the basis of population. There is no distinction made between rural parts and urban parts. Most of the students are from rural areas and they come for study in colleges in urban areas.

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Do this Government, Sir, still adhere to the principle of communal representation in the matter of selection of candidates to the medical colleges?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : There is no communal representation, Sir. Reservation only is made for backward classes, scheduled classes and scheduled tribes.

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : Has the Hon. Minister received complaints from various quarters that pupils belonging to forward communities get their selection as backward community pupils by false representation, and that even among the backward community pupils, only a particular backward community has been preferred to all other communities?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : No such complaints have come to me in writing.

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN : Is it a fact, Sir, that some members of the committee awarded very liberal personality test marks to certain backward class candidates in order to favour them even though they did not have personality and is it also a fact that certain backward class students like Vanniyakula Kshatriya students, even though they had sufficient marks, did not get adequate number of marks in personality test and therefore they did not get the chance of being selected?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : I am sorry, Sir, the hon. Member thinks it fit to make such remarks against the members of the Selection Committee who are not here to defend themselves.

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : A remark about the working of the Selection Committee having been made, may I know whether the Hon. Minister would constitute a committee to go into the question whether the Selection Committee really selected persons fairly and squarely for medical colleges? 9–20 a.m.

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : There is absolutely no reason for the constitution of any such committee, Sir.

*Regulation of employment in minor ports*

* 199 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether any tripartite committee is proposed to be constituted to regulate employment in minor ports; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal?